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MEMORANDUM FOR : Executive Assistant to Deputy Director (Research)

SUBJECT : Designation of Special Requirements Staff, Office of Special Activities as COMOR Secretariat, DD/R

REFERENCE : DD/R Notice 1-1, Dated 22 October 1962

1. As a matter of protocol, if nothing else, I feel impelled to question the text of the reference notice redesignating Jim Reber and his staff as the "COMOR Secretariat" to the Deputy Director (Research).

2. At the time Jim Reber's principal function was identified as Chairman of the COMOR as opposed to the old title as Chairman, Ad Hoc Requirements Committee during our DPD experience, we took particular pains to make his organizational title sufficiently ambiguous so that it would not give offense to his primary responsibility as the chairman of a sub-committee of the United States Intelligence Board. Since in reality the Chairman of the Committee on Overhead Reconnaissance is technically subordinated to the United States Intelligence Board, I question whether it is proper to designate him (a) in the first place as the COMOR Secretariat and (b) by this language leaving the inference that COMOR is somehow responsive in the first instance to DD/R.

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3. As a possible alternative, I should like to suggest that his function be identified officially as "Office of the COMOR Chairman" with the further proviso that it be indicated that he is assigned to the Deputy Director (Research) for purposes of administration. I have not discussed this matter with Mr. Reber, who's a good enough sport to work under any title he is given, but I do think something needs to be done. Your comments would be appreciated.



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